

Crisscrosses district, visiting with families, service members, and seniors

Marlton, NJ – Today, Congressman John Adler visited with some of the largest employers, business leaders, seniors, and families in South Jersey and the shore area. After visiting Deborah Heart and Lung Center and the Joint Base, Congressman Adler joined Moorestown Mayor Daniel Roccato for a tour of Lockheed Martin's facility and a brief of developments with its Aegis Ballistic Missiles Defense system. Following his meeting with Mayor Roccato and Lockheed Martin employees, Congressman Adler hosted a small ceremony to present Sergeant Robert Aguero of Delran with a Purple Heart for wounds suffered during combat. Congressman Adler worked to cut through the red tape and secure this long-awaited recognition for Sgt. Aguero.

Nearly four decades ago, Sgt. Aguero, under the heavy duress of automatic weapon fire, sustained injury while acting to neutralize the enemy and protect his squad from harm. Sgt. Aguero's heroic act contributed to the success of his mission and earned him the Bronze Star Medal. However, he never received the Purple Heart despite an injury suffered on the battlefield. Congressman Adler presented the Purple Heart to Sgt. Aguero, along with his wife and daughters, at a small ceremony in Marlton.

"Our veterans deserve our respect and gratitude," Congressman John Adler said. "I applaud Sgt. Robert Aguero for his heroic service and selflessness. This honor is long overdue."

A machinist for over 35 years, 17 of which have been spent with Campbell Soup company in Camden, Sgt. Aguero dutifully provided for his wife and three children over the years. Joined by his wife Cindy and two daughters, the Sgt. expressed gratitude for finally receiving the Purple Heart.

"I answered the call to duty and I am grateful that our government recognized the sacrifice I made for our great country," said Sgt. Aguero. "I thank Congressman Adler for helping me receive this honor and for sharing this moment with my family. My thoughts and prayers are with the brave men and women who continue to protect the freedom which every American enjoys."

Congressman Adler toured the Deborah Heart and Lung Center, the Joint Base and Lockheed Martin. He is expected to speak at the Lion's Club in Medford Lakes tonight. Congressman Adler, who has hosted more than 80 public events, continues to meet with local residents to

Congressman Adler Presents Local Delran Resident with Purple Heart

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discuss critical issues, such as creating jobs, helping middle class families and small businesses, supporting our veterans and seniors, and setting the nation back on track for economic prosperity. Photos and additional information for many of the day's events will be available to interested members of the media.